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I want to serve on the Board of Education because of my abiding commitment to quality public education. I will bring twelve productive years of experience on the Board, complemented by a very successful and rewarding 34-year career in public education.

Serving as either Board chairperson and vice-chairperson for ten years allowed me to strongly influence the Board's performance. My seven-year appointment by Secretary of Education Riley to represent the nation's state boards of education on the National Assessment Governing Board that sets policies to guide the development and administration of a multitude of tests that constitute the National Assessment of Educational Progress gave me a valuable perspective of educational assessment. My career in public education included teaching at all levels, school counseling, principalship, curriculum specialist, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, and Superintendent for Kauai schools.

I prepared for my career at the University of Hawaii, Colorado State College, and Michigan State University where I earned a doctorate in educational administration. Three years ago, I chaired a statewide commission that reviewed the status of the DOE's implementation of content and performance standards. My current role as relief principal at several Kauai schools keeps me abreast of educational developments. Membership in national educational organizations strengthens my knowledge of the state of education.

I promise to diligently carry out the responsibilities of the Board: to establish educational policies, set standards for schools and monitor their success, and appoint and supervise the Superintendent of Education.

